

As citizens we should all be disturbed by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to require its stations to air an obviously partisan program that's clearly intended to support a candidate and influence the election. In this case, that candidate is George Bush, but the act would be equally anti-American if it were John Kerry. Users of the public airwaves who obviate the responsibility that comes with obtaining a broadcast license cannot be allowed to continue to abuse that privilege.

I consider Sinclair's actions regarding the airing of "Stolen Honors" to be in violation of FCC regulations, in violation of the trust they committed to when applying for their licenses, and in violation of the basic principles of American Democracy. As such, Sinclair's actions are unacceptable, and must be sanctioned.

If Sinclair still plans to go ahead with these forced broadcasts, I urge the FCC to consider the seriousness of these violations and communicate to Sinclair that, should they proceed with these forced airings, their licenses will not be renewed, and censure if not fines will also result.

Our democracy depends on the public airwaves being as truly fair and balanced as we imperfect humans can achieve. Sinclairs actions are not even close to that standard, and are a threat to our democracy.

The FCC must act in the best interests of its constituency, the American Public. I urge the FCC to fulfill its own mandate to the American people by communicating to Sinclair that its license renewals will be jeopardized by such an assault on our basic democratic principles.

Please take remedial action immediately.